

Marquess, Scott

From: Darrel Plummer <DPlummer@kdheks.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 5:41 PM
To: Marquess, Scott
Cc: Brune, Doug; Mike Tate
Subject: Pretty Prairie DW complaint

Scott,

Attached below is follow-up completed by our district engineer on the complaint for Pretty Prairie you forwarded to us March 19th.

We will consider the matter addressed and closed. Please let me know if EPA receives anything further.

Thanx,

Darrel R. Plummer
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From: John Goetz
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 5:00 PM
To: Darrel Plummer
Cc: April Dixon; Allison Herring; Dianne C. Sands; Clay Randel; Sabrina Cantrell
Subject: RE: Pretty Prairie DW complaint

I called the city office today. They have not had any unusual recent problems with the PWS. They said they remember a person called a few weeks ago with a similar complaint. They city did advise them to let their water run and flush their lines. After my call the city went out today and opened a fire hydrant near the suspected complainant's house to flush the main line. The city said they have received no other odor complaints about the water supply. I also checked with my brother-in-law who lives there and he said he has not noticed any odors using the water supply. The city advised me that the suspected complainant is currently in a major zoning dispute with the city and may be a factor with them calling EPA.

It was my understanding KDHE / EPA were addressing the nitrate MCL violations with the city so I did not raise that issue.

This is a GW system therefore it would be very unusual for sewage odor complaints which are more associated with SW systems.

Since this is a single complaint any odor issues may be due to internal plumbing issues at the residence.

Since the complaint was anonymous we can not contact the complainant. Does this deserve any further follow up?

John Paul Goetz P.E.
District Water Engineer
Bureau of Environmental Field Services
Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment

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Please note my new email address jgoetz@kdheks.gov

From: Darrel Plummer
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 11:47 AM
To: John Goetz
Cc: April Dixon; Allison Herring; Dianne C. Sands
Subject: Pretty Prairie DW complaint

JP,
Can you or your staff please touch base with Pretty Prairie and see if there is anything unusual going on with the water right now.

Thanx,
Darrel

From: Marquess, Scott [<mailto:Marquess.Scott@epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 11:38 AM
To: Darrel Plummer
Cc: Brune, Doug
Subject: Pretty Prairie DW complaint

FYI; apparently there was no contact info included with the complaint.

From: davis.madlyn@epa.gov [<mailto:davis.madlyn@epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 10:00 AM
To: Marquess, Scott
Cc: mindrup.mary@mintra12.rtp.epa.gov
Subject: FWD: (SDWA - FY14-115805-3715-CV) Referred to Region - Kansas

03/19/2014

SUBJECT: FWD: (SDWA - FY14-115805-3715-CV) Referred to Region - Kansas
FROM: davis.madlyn@epa.gov
TO: marquess.scott@epa.gov
CC: mindrup.mary

Complaint

-----Original Message-----

3/18/2014 11:35 AM

HQ LEAD NUMBER: FY14-115805-3715-CV

SUBJECT: Referred to Region - Kansas

FROM:

TO:

Alleged Violator's Name: city of pretty prairie ks

Alleged Violator's Address: city of pretty prairie ks

Alleged Violator's City: city of pretty prairie ks

Alleged Violator's State: Kansas

Alleged Violator's Zip: 67570

Tip or Complaint: nitrates in water getting higher and city doing nothing water smells like the sewer at times. I am in the city of Pretty Prairie KS. City not doing anything to clean up the water. said to let water run and see if that helped. It did not.

Violation Still Occurring? Yes

State DEP/DEQ/DEM Notified? No